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## **Sgt. Bliss Home After 27 Months in Pacific**

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Reporting to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Hot Springs Arkansas, Sgt. Virgil E. Bliss of Newton is now living in one of the four major Hot Springs hotels acquired by the Army to house the new installation.

Veteran of 27 months overseas duty in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre, Sgt Bliss returned to the States in January. Prior to reporting in at Hot Springs, he spent a 21-day furlough at his home in Newton and in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Bliss is staying with her husband at the Redistribution Station's Arlington Hotel.

He will be in Hot Springs for less than two weeks, waiting reassignment to active duty. The primary function of the Redistribution Station, to assign the returned soldier to the Army job for which he is best fitted, will be accomplished in surroundings designed for rest and relaxation. Under the conditions, expert interviewers and classification personnel secure the maximum cooperation from the returnees.

In addition to reassigning the returned veterans, the Redistribution Station is equipped to give the soldiers complete medical examinations and administer whatever medical and dental treatment is necessary to fit him for active duty. Military records will be checked and back pay brought up to date.

Aside from his necessary appointments, the veteran will be free to enjoy the resort facilities available at Hot Springs. An extensive program of entertainment and recreation has been planned for the returnees.

Under the direction of the Eighth Service Command, the Redistribution Station in Hot Springs is one of the five recently set up by the Army Service Forces.

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## **Earl D. Miller In Turret Gunner on B-24 Bomber**

15th ARMY AIR FORCE, ITALY — Cpl. Earl D. Miller, 20 of RFD 1, Yale, has arrived in Italy and has taken up duties with a 15th Air Force heavy bomber group.

Trained as a nose turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, Cpl. Miller is now a member of a group commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, Tenn. The group has flown more than 170 combat missions against strategic targets in southern Europe and the Balkans.

Cpl. Miller entered the service on January 20, 1943.